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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Have the Government appointed only one doctor or two saying 'you carry on the research'? What is the manner and method in which the research is conducted? Is it supervised by any competent authority?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The staff is there. The staff belongs to the State but the Government of India pay a certain amount. I think it is Rs. 2,000 or so per patient. A particular drug is administered on patients suffering from a particular disease and the results are watched. Then a report is drawn up and sent. I think it ultimately goes to Jamnagar or so.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that practitioners of Indigenous Medicine are under the impression that no research can be done with their drugs because they are too complex to be understood by ordinary people?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Different people may think differently of various things. But our point is this. It should be and it is scientifically tested, because a good deal is claimed for the indigenous medicines. If we believe all that they claim I do not know where we will be. That is why, we test them by administering them on the patients.

Conversion of sea-water into fresh water

* 136 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to convert sea-water into fresh water by atomic power to augment the drinking water supply to the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Internal Audit Organization

* 137 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Internal Audit Organisation mentioned in the 15th paragraph of the report of the activities of the Medical and Public Health Departments for the half-year ended 30th June 1959 has presented any report; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy of it on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The Internal Audit Organisation is intended to carry out a cent per cent audit of the transactions of the Government medical institutions and is not expected to submit reports to Government.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If there is anything incriminating the administration mentioned in the Audit Report, how is action taken? What will happen then? To whom can they report, if not to Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : What I meant to say was that reports were not sent to Government. If any defects or irregularities are found, they are made known to the head of the institution. Copies of the report are sent to the Accountant-General also. The Accountant-General brings them to the notice of the Government not immediately, but when he examines the accounts of all institutions.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has any such instance come to the notice of the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Accountant-General brought some irregularities to the notice of the Government. Only thereupon we have appointed these internal auditors.

Testing of samples

* 138 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of fee charged by the King Institute, Guindy, for testing samples sent by Andhra Pradesh for the half year ended 30th June 1959?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Rs. 41,679.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are they still sending samples for test at the Guindy Institute?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. They are charged for as in the case of private people. Originally they were not charged when Madras was a composite State. They were not charged for some time after separation also. But after a particular date—I think it was from 1959—we came to an understanding that they must also pay.

Roads connecting Kuppams with main roads

3-10 p.m.

* 139 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received for (i) laying of roads connecting Kuppams (Fishermen Colonies) with the Kovalam-Mahabalipuram Road and Tiruvanmiyur-Muthukadu Road in Chingleput district and (ii) constructing foot-bridges across the Buckingham Canal; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A representation on the subject has been received from the Member. Formation of feeder roads to fishing villages under reference will be considered under the Third Five-Year Plan. The Government have sanctioned the